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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, LY, US

SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH LIBYAN CHARGE GASHUT

1. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION REPORTED SEPTTEL WITH  
LIBYAN CHARGE GASHUT, VELIOTES TOOK OCCASION TO MENTION  
RECENT CONTROVERSY BETWEEN TUNIS AND LIBYA OVER OFFSHORE  
DRILLING RIGHTS AND ASKED GASHUT IF THERE WERE ANY  
QUESTIONS IN HIS MIND AS TO WHY WE TOOK THE ACTION WE DID  
WITH READING AND BATES. GASHUT REPLIED THAT LIBYA UNDER-  
STOOD THAT OUR CONCERN WAS FOR THE SAFETY OF THE SHIP AND  
AMERICAN CITIZENS ON BOARD AND THAT WE HAD A WORLD-WIDE  
POLICY OF DISCOURAGING AMERICAN SHIPS FROM GETTING INTO  
SUCH DISPUTES. REFERRING TO THE AGREEMENT REACHED IN TUNIS,  
GASHUT ADDED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE WOULD  
ONLY HAND DOWN PRINCIPLES WHICH WOULD THEN HAVE TO BE NEGO-  
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TIATED BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

2. VELIOTES SUGGESTED THAT THIS WAS A VERY GOOD OPPORTUNITY  
FOR LIBYA TO TAKE THE LEAD IN ESTABLISHING A PRECEDENT FOR  
PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF OFFSHORE DISPUTES. SUCH AN

ACTION WOULD BE A REAL ACT OF STATESMANSHIP. GASHUT

REPLIED THAT HE HAD EVERY HOPE THAT THIS IS THE WAY THE  
SITUATION WOULD BE RESOLVED.

3. COMMENT: WE ARE UNDER NO ILLUSION THAT OUR "PEP TALK"  
REMARKS WILL MAKE ANY REAL IMPACT ON LIBYAN POLICY DECISIONS.  
THIS WAS, HOWEVER, ONLY PART OF CONVERSATION (SEE SEPTTEL)  
THAT HAD ANY UPBEAT ELEMENT SO WE TRIED TO ACCENTUATE THE  
POSITIVE. VANCE

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